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Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" May I ask whether the Government think that the supply of water from the Panamarathupatti tank to the Salem Town has been a total failure?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government are aware that the present arrangements for the supply of water are not adequate with the increase of population in Salem town. That is the reason for finding out a new source of supply."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether Government will be pleased to supply electric power at special rate to other municipalities?"

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Salem Municipality was willing to take over the water-works plant at Mettur if given to them free of cost?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am not aware of that. As I have already stated, that plant is quite unsuitable and inadequate. Therefore, there is no use of considering that question."

Population of Salem town and the number of Depressed Class members.

* 101 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total population of the Salem Municipal town is; and

(*b*) what the population of the depressed classes in the said town is?

A.—(*a*) 102,179.

(*b*) 5,791.

Resolution of Salem Municipal Council regarding the admission of untouchables in coffee clubs.

* 102 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what date the resolution of the Municipal Council of Salem advocating the admission of the so-called untouchables to the sweet-meat shops and coffee clubs was passed; and

(*b*) when the resolution was cancelled by the Government?

A.—(*a*) 17th February 1933.

(*b*) 23rd May 1933.

Petitions for and against the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council regarding admission of untouchables in coffee clubs.

* 103 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the resolution of the Salem Municipal Council advocating the admission of the so-called untouchables to sweet-meat shops and coffee clubs was objected to by Hotels' Proprietors' Association, and if so, when it was done;